William E. Smythe Writes Forcible Article.

ON VALUE OF IRRIGATION

Treats of Speculation in All Its Phases.

For the Engle:

One of the earliest converts to the national irrigation cause, among the prominent men of the east, was Edward Everett Hale, the famous Boston author, divine and philantrophist.

To one of the early missionaries of the movement, Dr. Hale explained that the first public work he ever engaged in was the promotion of emigration to Kansas to preserve the equilibrium of the free and the slave states. He added: "Now I am for this great movement of yours because I have come to the conclusion that freedom for white men in just as important as freedom for blacks."

By that striking remark, the great Bostonian showed that he appreciated the vast social and economic significance of the plan which looks to the reclamation of our neglected empire in the west and the making of homes for millions of peothe making of homes for millions of peothe Same of the issues which are rising

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arid region shall be able to maintain his heritage his share of the public domainat the government price, or whether he will be compelled to pay tribute to the enterprising speculator who has forestall. ed him. Under existing laws it is possible for land to be acquired in large amounts by those who have no intention whatever of making a home upon it. Not only is it "possible," but the thing is being done by wholesale at the present time. The entire assets of many a land and water scheme in the west, on which bonds are issued and sold in the east and abroad, is fertile soll recently carved out of the public domain with one of the two instruments which our national statutes provide—the Desert Land Law and the commutation clause of the Homestead

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It is not treating a while man exactly right to steal his property (for that is what it amounts to) and then sell it back to him at ten times what you paid for it, is it? But that is only one aspect of the matter.

Much of the land which is being wrongfully taken by speculators will be held for the raising of cattle, when it is needed for the raising of cattle, when it is needed for the raising of children; and thus many

people will remain homeless who might proprietors. Then, too, much of this illgotten soil will go to form large private estates, which will be cultivated with servile labor or rented to tenants who must share their product with the owner. Current statistics show that tenant farmers have increased in the United States from 5 per cent to 5 per cent during the last ten years. Isn't it about time to start a tendency in the other direction and have the number of land-owning farmers increase instead of decrease? The surest way to do it is to save the lands we now own; then open them to settlement after they have been irrigated by national enterprise.

When these bad land laws are repealed and the statutes made such that only the

and the statutes made such that only the genuine homesecker can take up land, and THE DENVER, ENID AND GULF R. R. upon the sole condition that he will Time Table No. 7-In Effect August 4, 1908. build his home there and raise crops, the thing will be done chiefly by the influence of the populous states east of the Mississippi river. The reason is easy to under-

The enterprising citizens of the far west know the value of this public property. They are conveniently situated to file upon it under the present laws. They are inclined to believe that the pioneers of a new country are fairly entitled to enrich themselves from the great fund of unused natural wealth which lies about them on every hand. Hence they are not, to put it mildly, wildly enthusiastic over the proposition to change the laws.

In the cast and in the south the other They are conveniently situated to file up-

side of the shield is presented to view. There live the people who need the land for homes for themselves and their children and who, in time, will lesire to claim their share of it and to use it in good faith. The same impulse of self-interest which makes one section opposed or indifferent renders the other section favorable to the proposition to reserve the people's lands for these to whom and "Nearer, My God, to Thee." they rightfully belong.

Another feature of the national irrigation cause which interested Dr. Hale was ship, said he would depart from the cus the plan of having the ownership of water go with the land. He readily saw his friend briefly and to say a few words that if it were otherwise "freedom for to the associates of the dead man white men," in the full economic sense of the term, would be an empty dream. of the beauty and recompense of the spir-In a land where artificial moisture must be applied to raise crops the man who owns the water practically owns the land. had fought the buttle of life side by side In his first message to congress, President Roosevelt used these memorable

"Private ownership of water apart from land cannot prevail without causing en-

during wrong." Private speculation in the water supply of land of the arid region has proven very alluring in the past, though not very profitable to investors. The disappoint- Journal each sent wreaths and the Capiment was due to the natural disinclination of the average American citizen to pur-

Save the public domain, store the fleeds, join the ownership of land and water. design with the words "Kansas News and then invite the industrious, aspiring home loving citizens of the United States to come into their own-this is the way to give "freedom to white men," which is , most in the first flush of his manhood and truly as important as freedom for blacks. WILLIAM E. SMYTHE.

HARMON WILSON'S FUNERAL.

Sunday afternoon at Beloit the body of Harmon Wilson was buried beside that and theeriness; and the sometimes muffled of his father in the Beloit cemetery. The note of optimism carried farther. - Topeka casket containing it, accompanied by the Capital. relatives, and H. T. Chase, was sent to Beloit Saturday afternoon. A simple serv- in Laverpool, where it is proposed to found to conducted by Dean Kaye was held at a Ceitle chair at the University College.

the home, on Taylor street, at 10 o'clock The pearl fisheries of West Australia

The services at the home in Topeka lishmen. The average yield per boat per were a fitting finale to the simple, unos- season is \$4,000. tentatious life they commemorated. It At the government pawnshop in Paris was such a funeral as Wilson would have about 250,000 watches and 50,000 wedding asked for had the choice been his. Around | times are deposited every year.

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Dean Kave, between whom and Mr.

Wilsen there had existed a strong friend-

tom of his church long enough to eulogize

talked earnestly for perhaps five minutes

Itual life. And when he had done six of

the newspaper boys with whom Wilson

and shoulder to shoulder, picked up the

casket and carried it to the waiting

The floral tributes were many and of

sprpassing beauty. The parlor of the

home was literally banked with flowers.

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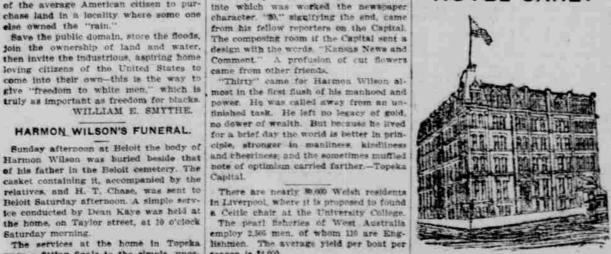
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